

What is claimed is:

1. A decoration material which is composed of a cycloolefin co-oligomer whose refractive index  $n_D$  (25°C) is from 1.50 to 1.60 and whose Abbé number is from 50 to 60.  
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2. The decoration material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oligomer is composed of at least one cyclic olefin monomer and of at least one acyclic olefin monomer.  
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3. The decoration material as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the cycloolefin co-oligomer is a norbornene-ethylene or tetracyclodecene-ethylene co-oligomer.
- 15 4. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, wherein the intertwining length  $M_c$  of the oligomer =  $2 \cdot M_e = 10\,000$  g/mol.
5. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the molar mass of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is  $< 5000$  g/mol.  
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6. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein the average chain length of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is smaller than  $2 \cdot M_e$ .
- 25 7. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the intrinsic viscosity  $[\eta]$  of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is in the range from  $\leq 25$  to  $\leq 15$ .
8. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the density of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is from  $0.95$  to  $1.05$  g/cm<sup>3</sup>.  
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9. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the haze of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is from 1 to 10%.
- 35 10. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the clarity of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is from 50 to 99%.
11. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10, wherein

the luster value of the cycloolefin co-oligomer is from 85 to 140%.

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12. The decoration material as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11, which is spherical, cylindrical, or lamellar.
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13. A process for production of a decoration material as claimed in claim 1, which comprises melting a cycloolefin co-oligomer, and converting it into the desired shape in the molten state and then cooling it.
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14. A process for production of a decoration material as claimed in claim 1, which comprises melting a cycloolefin co-oligomer, converting it to the desired shape in the molten state and then using a Sandvik belt to cool it in such a way as to produce marked shrinkage in the decorative beads, so that the density of the decorative beads is  $< 1.00 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .
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15. A mixture composed of two or more decoration materials as claimed in claim 1, where the density of at least one portion of the decoration material is greater than  $1.0 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and the density of another portion is smaller than and/or equal to  $1.09 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .
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16. The use of a decoration material as claimed in claim 1 as filler material in vases, as display material in display windows, or as table-decoration material.